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SUBJECT: DEFAACEMENT OF USIS

USIA FOR ISA

1. OUTSIDE WALLS OF USIS CENTER DACCA, REPAINTED ON
RESUMPTION OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES (EXCEPT PUBLIC
LIBRARY FUNCTIONING) AT BEGINNING OF APRIL, HAVE
BEEN BLEMISHED AGAIN. SOMETIME DURING NIGHT OF
MAY 2/3 FOLLIWING SLOGANS WERE PAINTED ON MAI
SWALL
FACING TOPKHANA ROAD AND AVLE WALL AT FORMER MKR ENTRANCE.

A. MAIN WALL IN LARGE BROWN- RED BENGALEE LETTERS
OUTLINED IN BLACK; " STAND UP AGAINST INDIAN AGGRESSIVE
ACTIVITIES".

B. ANGLE WALL IN SMALLER BLACK BENGALI LETTERS: " JOIN THE
STRUGGLE TO ESTABLISH FREE BQMNGAL" AND " ESTABLISH
FREE BENGAL BY WIPING OUT IMPERIALISM, FEUDALISM,
COLONIALISM."

C. ALL THREE EXHORTATIONS ARE SIGNED BANGLA JATYO (NATIONAL)
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2. THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT PARTICULAR ATTACK ON USIS, AS YWCA AND THREE OTHER BUILDINGS IN ESKATON AREA OF NORTH DACCA AND LARGE BUILDING IN SIDDHESWARY OF NORTHEAST WERE SIMILARLY AND EVEN MORE GLARINGLY DECORATED.

3. USIS LOCAL WAS EYE- WITNESS OF NIGHT PAINTING OPERATION IN SIDDHESWARY AND SAID HE RECOGNIZED CULPRITS AS YOUTHFUL FOLLOWERS OF OLI AHAD. AS IRRATIONAL IS IT MAY SEEM, AHAD APPARENTLY SEES NO REAFYN TO DISGUISE HIS ESSENTIALLY ANTI- REGIME SLOGANEERING. HOWEVER OTHER SOURCES FOR THIS ACTIVITY CANNOT AT THIS POINT BE COMPLETELY RULED OUT.

4. AHAD, AGE 40/41, SINGLE, LIVES APART FROM HIS MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY WITH NO KNOWN MEANS OF SUPPORT. A GRADUATE OF DAHFA U. IN 1950/51 (B. COMMERCE- FIRST CLASS) HE WAS REGARDED AS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT STUDENT ACTIVIST AND PROMINENT DEBATER; HE PARTICIAPED IN BENGALI LANGUAGE RIOTS OF 1952; HE WAS A KNOWN MEMBER OF FORMER EAST BENGAL COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND IS CONSIDERED A DEDICATED PRO- PEKING COMMUNIST DESPITE HAVING SHIFTED HIS OVERT POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS BETWEEN THE AWAMI LEAGUE, AWAMI PARTY, AND MOST RECENTLY TO THE BANGLADESH NATIONAL LEAGUE OF ATAUH RAHMAN KHAN (AS GENERAL SECRETARY) UNTIL HE FORMED SPLINTER GROUP OF HIS OWN RENAMED THE BENGAL NATIONAL LEAGUE. NEWBERRY

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